

USE OF CARD SYSTEM IN WAR

Germany Has Plan for Keeping Track of Prisoners Taken and of Enemies Its Soldiers Bury.

SCHWERIN WORKS OUT SCHEME

[Correspondence of the Associated Press.] BERLIN, July 15.—The exact registration of the huge horde of over 1,000,000 prisoners of war in Germany, so that rank, service, division and place of confinement of each man can be instantly determined, has been perfected to an astonishing degree by Count Schwerin, a 50-year-old captain of cavalry. Today the relatives of any French, Russian, English, Canadian, Italian, Serbian, Montenegrin, Belgian or Japanese prisoner in Germany can ascertain within twenty-four hours where that soldier is and what his condition is.

This is made possible through a card catalogue that all but beggars description; it is probably the most perfect thing of its size and kind in existence. In its creation two other systems have had to be discarded as inadequate, and the work and pains lavished on them duplicated. In its maintenance eighty persons are engaged, while its inventor, Count Schwerin, works twelve hours a day, overhauling things.

Record of Each Man. Each day dozens and scores of lists of names pour into Count Schwerin's department of the war ministry in the Dorotheenstrasse, here in Berlin. These lists give the necessary information for filling out the cards, so that each card contains the name and forename of the prisoner, his service branch, regiment and company, the place and date of his capture, and the place where he is held. If he is wounded, the nature of his wounds and the hospital where he is are added.

Scores of young women fill out the cards, which then go to sorters, under the supervision of a man who in peace times is a head instructor in one of Berlin's higher schools. Before the sorters stand wooden cases built after the fashion of type cases, but deeper. It was the sight of compositors "throwing in" type that led Count Schwerin to adopt these cases.

Method of Sorting. The first set of sorters take the cards just as they come, in alphabetical confusion, from men writing rooms, and divide them according to the initial letter from A to Z. Other sorters then take the As and subdivide them systematically into Aa, Aab, Aab, and so on. Thousands of cards are sorted and filed daily—for the list of prisoners never stops growing.

The names also are divided according to nationality, and put away in the cases that flank all four walls of three rooms. There are about 25,000 and 30,000 Belgian names, from 15,000 to 18,000 English names, and hundreds of thousands of French and Russian. With but one exception the Serbian, Montenegrin and Japanese who are prisoners in Germany are civilians of military age interned here.

Hundreds of Letters Daily. Approximately 800 letters come to Count Schwerin's "Kartothek" daily—requests for information about relatives or friends. It is the boast and pride of this officer that no request remains unanswered longer than twenty-four hours—forty-eight at the very outside when the letter or inquiry is in difficult Russian.

To facilitate relatives in getting information about the foreign soldiers, however, Count Schwerin has forwarded the complete data about prisoners, as fast as received at the war ministry and filed in the card catalogue, to the governments at London, Paris and St. Petersburg, and to the Red Cross headquarters at Geneva, Brussels, Copenhagen and Berlin.

One of the most interesting features of the card catalogue work is the fact that many men give false names and data because they are ashamed of being in captivity and do not want any one in their native land to know that they have been taken prisoners.

An Example Cited. An example of this came to light recently in a case concerning 19-year-old Prince Chimay of Belgium. He had enlisted under an assumed name and was captured. He was put in a prison camp as a private soldier. In due time inquiries about the young man came in. His name did not appear in the card catalogue, and before the young man was found it had been necessary to hunt out every soldier of his regiment, scattered in half a dozen camps all over Germany, to take them before a military court and demand of them under oath what they knew about his case.

Catalogue of the Dead. So much for the catalogue about the living soldiers of the eight countries now at war with Germany. A smaller catalogue contains an alphabetical list of the names of the dead—supplied in a variety of ways, but chiefly by means of the metal tags worn by the soldiers around their necks.

This list is incomplete for a variety of obvious reasons, but partly because many of the soldiers, especially the French, take the tags off, through superstition and throw them away. Even so, there are, in the war ministry building, boxes and boxes full of the little tin disks.

The French tags are clearly stamped with the soldier's name, regiment and home station. The English tags are far less clear, and sometimes cannot be made out at all. The Italian disks are daily plain, and those of the Canadians, made of leather, are good. The Russians never wear any, and it is an almost hopeless task to try to keep track of their dead.

Care Taken of Valuables. In thousands of cases of courses the men fall in such places that the Germans can search their garments before burning the bodies. All valuables, especially watches and pocketknives, are taken up and forwarded to Berlin, where the treasury of the war ministry takes charge of them.

An exact list of the contents of each package is made and forwarded to the department which Count Schwerin heads, and the possessions are then sent to the war ministry in France, England or Russia, which are best able to see that the valuables come into the possession of the rightful relatives of the fallen soldiers.

The catalogue has grown to be Count Schwerin's pet, his greatest pride and care. Though past middle age he gladly spends long hours and infinite patience to its extension and upkeep. Recently he desired to go into the field for active service, but it was found that in the months he had been in the war ministry he had made himself practically indispensable, and that no one could be found who could take up the catalogue where he would have to leave off.

Apartments, flats, houses and cottages can be rented quickly and cheaply by a line "For Rent."

MONUMENT TO DANTE MELTED INTO CANON—The monument, the work of Zochi, stood in the Piazza Dante, in Austrian Trent, a square in front of the station.



DANTE MONUMENT IN TRENT.

Brother of South Side Woman Loses Life as Home Burns

Mrs. John, Elizabeth Roberts of 199 North Twenty-fourth street, South Side, has received a telegram from Los Angeles, California, containing the information that her brother, Slater Harris, and his 2-year-old niece, Margaret Caughran, lost their lives in a fire that destroyed the Caughran home Thursday night. Mr. Harris was a former resident of Ashland, Neb., but went to California some ten years ago from Colorado, and has for some time back been an invalid. He was afflicted with locomotor ataxia and was compelled to keep a light burning in his room all night.

Asks Divorce When She Finds There is Wife No. 1 in Case

Mrs. Katherine Read, formerly Miss Katherine O'Connor of Omaha, who married Ernest A. Read of Las Vegas, N. M., February 20 of this year, only to part from him two days later when, she asserts, she discovered he had another wife, has brought suit for divorce in district court.

To Summon Federal Grand Jury at Once

Summonses are being prepared by United States Deputy Marshalls McCullough and Quinley and will be mailed at once to the twenty-three grand jurors and seven alternates, who will serve on the federal grand jury to be impaneled here, October 21 at 10 a. m. An investigation will be made in all cases under federal court jurisdiction, arising in the Omaha, Norfolk, Grand Island and Chadron divisions, known as the North Platte half of the Nebraska district.

Eight Postoffice Clerks Get Raise

Civil service promotions among the post-office clerks are announced as follows by Postmaster John C. Wharton, the raises in pay being effective October 1: Axel W. Anderson, Oscar Anderson, James M. Baris, Anthony A. Beckman, Eugene A. Byrne, Harvey N. Eller, John James, Edward E. Larson.

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From Our Near Neighbors

Weeping Water. Mrs. Lester Hilsch of Avoca, was visiting in town Thursday. Mrs. George Clipse was visiting Mrs. A. T. Cassell at Palmyra this week. Mrs. Fred Lau and Mrs. Clarence Lau, visited Tuesday at the Charles Lau home at Manly.

Mrs. Emma Barry is at Falls City visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ed Moser. Miss Jennie Critchfield is visiting this week at the L. D. Critchfield home, north-end of town.

Miss Mattie Redfield of Lincoln has been visiting this week at the home of Mrs. Earl Powers. Cecil Davis has been very low for the last several days with typhoid fever, but is much improved now.

Harry Dennis and Miss Emma Behlard were married Wednesday at Council Bluffs. They will reside here. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Vandenburg of Murdock visited here Wednesday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Arthur Jones.

J. W. Teegarden took his Sunday school class to Omaha last Sunday to attend the "Billy" Sunday services. The trip was made by auto. Rev. George Heed, a Weeping Water man who has been doing missionary work in Morocco, will occupy the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday.

The county commissioners have spent several days in this vicinity planning bridge repair work. Recent rains have done great damage to a number of the bridges on the main roads.

Springfield. W. E. Salling started Wednesday for the Panama exposition. Mrs. Marjorie Brazee of Omaha is visiting Mrs. Floyd Davidson. Mrs. Will Hoyt of Omaha visited relatives here the fore part of the week.

Mrs. Thurman Evans of Union is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Mueller. Posenbaum is entertaining two sisters this week, Mrs. Mat Saxner of Ankeny, Ia., and Mrs. Frank Howard of St. City, Ia.

Miss Ella Stratman was united in marriage to Mr. John Harder of Bennington by Rev. Steger of Plattsmouth. Richard Erling and Miss Helen Sprague of Papillon were married by Rev. Charles W. Savidge in Omaha last week. They will make their home in Springfield.

Miss Lydia Johnson of this place and W. H. Fackler of Cedar Rapids, Ia., were married in Glenwood, Ia., last Friday. They make their home in Cedar Rapids. Mrs. W. H. Davidson, Miss Elizabeth Davidson and Mrs. L. A. Bates were elected by the Women's club as delegates to the convention at Norfolk, to be held September 28.

The Masons of the local lodge conferred degrees last Saturday and gave a banquet afterward. Masons from Louisville, Gretna, Omaha, Papillon and Elmwood were present.

Irvington. Mrs. John Hendrickson visited relatives in Fremont Sunday. Mrs. Kuntson of Omaha visited at the Sundall home Tuesday.

Harry Knight returned Monday from a six weeks' stay in South Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. John Farnley of Dodge, Neb., visited at the Charley Vestal home Sunday. Wesley Williams is laid up with a sore foot, the result of being stepped on by a horse that was about to kick.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Spring of Benson and Mr. and Mrs. Beals were entertained at the Henry Spring home Sunday. Hazel and daughter Blaine of North Bend, Neb., were at the Hackman home a few days last week. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Spring of Benson and Mr. and Mrs. Beals were entertained at the Henry Spring home for dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams of Plattsmouth and Mrs. Leola of Omaha were entertained at the Williams home Sunday. Mrs. Williams is very low. He had a stroke of paralysis a week ago and is not improving. All the relatives have been called home.

Papillon. Mrs. C. F. Record of Omaha is visiting Papillon friends this week. Miss Katherine Puring visited friends in Lincoln last Saturday and Sunday. Miss Marie Sanders returned to Omaha the first of the week where she will resume her studies at Brownell Hall.

Mrs. Clayton Beadle and children will leave next week for Wayside, Neb., where Mr. Beadle is employed on a ranch. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Vanarsdale, Jr., and A. J. Vanarsdale, Sr., of Valaida, Mo., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Thompson this week. Miss Helen Sprague of this place and Richard Plug of Springfield were married last Friday in Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. Plug will make their home in Springfield, where Mr. Plug is in business.

A very pleasant surprise was given Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dooley, Jr., Monday evening, when a number of their friends motored out to their farm home to assist them in celebrating their fifth wedding anniversary.

Ralston. Mrs. R. Ledwith entertained at cards Thursday. A civil service examination will be held October 23 for the Ralston postoffice. Leola Oriswood of Platte, Neb., is visiting at the home of Rev. Seneff this week. Alta Hayes entertained a crowd of young people last Thursday evening, it being the occasion of her nineteenth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Sular of Des Moines visited the Parvatt home several days of last week on their return trip from the exposition and Canada. Valley. Miss Lillian Morrow went to Omaha Saturday. Miss Myrtle Lawler went to an Omaha hospital Sunday. Mrs. Curtis of Minneapolis, Minn., is visiting her Valley friends. Dr. W. H. Reed returned Thursday from a trip in the western part of Nebraska. Jack Butcher was appointed village marshal, to succeed Charles Webb, who resigned recently. Mr. and Mrs. Murtman went to Omaha

Thursday to attend the "Billy" Sunday meetings for two days. Mrs. A. C. Hildberg, who has been very ill for a couple of weeks, is much improved and able to be up. P. E. Smith of Denver, Colo., arrived Tuesday for a visit with his niece, Mrs. Monahan and Mrs. Fitzgerald. Charles Webb, who has been at the stock yards at Grand Island for two weeks, returned Wednesday evening. Mrs. A. Gardiner returned Saturday evening from a short visit with her daughter, Mrs. Noyes, of Dundee, Neb. The ice house belonging to Garver brothers was burned to the ground Friday evening. It is not known how the fire originated. The regular monthly meeting of the Valley Women's Christian Temperance union was held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Nellie Fouts. Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Kennedy, Helen and Esther took Mrs. Eddy Hildreth and Lola to Fremont Sunday, bringing Mr. Eddy home with them. Mrs. Lulu Shepherd of Salt Lake City, visiting her first of the week, Christian Science union lecturer, gave a splendid address in the Methodist Episcopal church Tuesday evening. She also gave addresses at the school house to the high school, grammar and intermediate students.

Elkhorn. Mrs. Charles Deerson entertained the ladies' Kensington Wednesday. John Quinn of Winnebago, Neb., was here week visiting relatives. Mrs. J. M. Brunner of Fremont visited here among friends several days this week. Mrs. T. McCleshan and children of Omaha visited here last Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. J. O. Seuss visited Thursday and Friday at Papillon with her mother, Mrs. Eggelev. Mrs. Henry Hibel of Omaha visited her father, A. H. Hansen, and other relatives Thursday. Misses Lida and Tina Hofeldt of Omaha visited their parents Saturday night and attended the dance. Misses Lida and Tina Hofeldt of Omaha visited their parents Saturday and Sunday. Madame Charles Baumgardner and Emil Parakeninger left Thursday to join their husbands at Des Moines, Ia. The body of Mr. Pfeiffer, father of the Pfeiffer brothers, was brought here from Hastings, where he died, and was buried Sunday at Prospect Hill cemetery.

The plasterers have finished in the Ernest Schuman residence and have commenced on the J. N. Wyatt home. The carpenters have about completed Ed Westphal's big barn and also William Rogers' garage. The new house is completed and the family is now occupying it.

Avoca. Thomas Hobbs and wife have returned from a visit at Walthill. Otto Brooks and family were at Dorchester the first of the week. John Weaver and wife have returned from a trip to Bird City, Kan. Miss Elvina Fransen of Arcadia, Ia. visited relatives here the week. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kirchbeck of Chapman, are spending the week here. Mrs. W. L. Gillin of Council Bluffs was visiting her parents here this week. Gus Witzke sustained a badly sprained ankle while playing ball last Sunday. Avoca was defeated by Plattsmouth in a fast game of ball Wednesday, 3 to 1.

W. H. Beitz and family of Stuart, are here for a few days' visit with relatives. Mrs. Lindeman and Mrs. Hagerman of Lincoln, were visiting relatives here this week. George Maseman and Edward Mohr, with their families spent Sunday with relatives near Syracuse. Mr. L. W. Fahnestock is spending the week with relatives, Mrs. Charles Woodson, at Council Bluffs. Madames William Maseman and Gus Ruhge left this week for Elizabeth, Ill., for a few days' visit with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Keddy and Mr. and Mrs. William Maseman were at Bethany Tuesday evening attending the wedding of Miss Mabel Cutter, who formerly resided here.

Prizes Awarded for Dainties at the County Fair. Prizes for the best collection of jellies, pickles and home-made cakes were awarded at the Douglas County fair, Thursday, Mrs. F. X. Lemieux won first prize for the best jellies and Mrs. Estella Feod won second prize. Mrs. F. A. Cressy of South Side baked the most toothsome angel food cake and Mrs. F. H. Berry won second prize for the same dainty. Mrs. Lemieux also carried off the blue ribbon for the best collection of pickles.

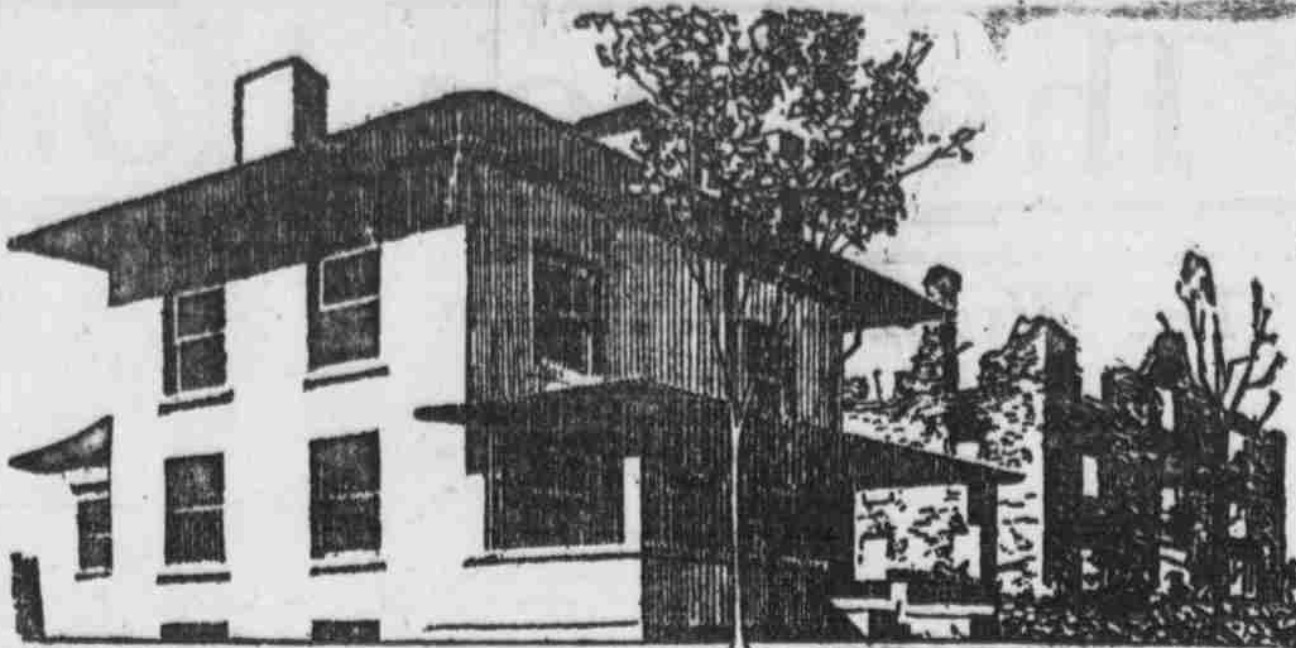
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Don't YOU Be Merely a Wisher

How often you meet him --the "Wisher!" He wishes for this, he wishes for that, or he wishes for some other thing; and he usually gets--nothing! Because wishing will get no one anywhere.

So it is that the "Wisher" is always and forevermore a "Wisher!" You know him and his class--"Oh, I wish I had a decent place to live," or "I wish I had a home," or "I wish I could get a farm."

Well, the only way he'll ever get it is by going after it. And we say to YOU now--that if you want a house, lot, farm, or ANYTHING, don't be a "Wisher," but go and get it--go after it! Profit by the experience of the "Wisher" who never gets anywhere or accomplishes anything. If YOU want a home go get it.

And, listen, the easiest, safest and best way to proceed is to turn RIGHT NOW to the Real Estate columns of THE BEE and scan the offerings. There you will find many opportunities awaiting you.

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